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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  <i>Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing.</i> <i>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 133, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.</i>  <i>See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)</i>	<i>Application No.</i>	09/981,223
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Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.313 for Withdrawal of Application from Issue

Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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